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May 6, 2005

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
Attn: Jim King
1330 Broadway, 11th floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

RE: Arcata Baylands Restoration Program

Dear Chairman Bosco:

This is written in support of the Arcata Baylands Restoration Program project proposal that has been submitted by the City of Arcata in cooperation with the Pacific Coast Waterfowl Joint Venture to your Agency for funding consideration.

The proposed project will restore and/or enhance estuarine and coastal wetland habitat adjacent to Humboldt Bay and thereby improve habitat and cover for coast cutthroat trout, coho salmon, steelhead and tidewater goby.

This very important project is essential to the health of the Humboldt Bay region ecosystem which has been identified as one of the west coasts most significant estuarine resources. I encourage your favorable consideration of the Arcata Baylands Restoration Program project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wesley Chesbro", written over a horizontal line.

WESLEY CHESBRO
State Senator, Second District

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MIKE THOMPSON

1ST DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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May 6, 2005

Doug Bosco, Chairman
California Coastal Conservancy
1130 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing in support of the application submitted by the City of Arcata to fund the Jacoby Creek/Gannon/McDaniel Slough Wetlands Project. The 1100-acre project area is comprised of 8 parcels adjacent to the northern edge of Humboldt Bay that will provide a continuous corridor of restored wetland habitat vital for fish and wildlife.

The area is already in local, state and federal ownership. The project will provide restoration and enhancement of estuarine and freshwater wetland habitat, as well as enhance riparian values on Jacoby Creek, Gannon Slough, Beith Creek and McDaniel Slough. The restoration effort will provide additional habitat for shorebirds and waterfowl and create riparian forest and stream cover where none exist. The expansion of estuarine floodplain habitats will be for the endangered tidewater goby. Since much of the area is utilized as agricultural grazing lands, the project will include managed habitat for the foraging Aleutian Canada goose, which will help to offset the current foraging pressure on adjacent private lands. Finally, the project will expand opportunities for public recreation and education.

This is an exciting and comprehensive project that will benefit fish and wildlife and, most certainly, the community and its environs. I urge the Board's favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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May 5, 2005

Jim King, Northern Projects Manager
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

RE: Arcata Baylands Restoration Program

Dear Mr. King:

It is my privilege as Humboldt County's Third District Supervisor representing the greater Arcata area, to write in support of the City of Arcata and Pacific Coast Waterfowl Joint Venture in their cooperative efforts to secure funding for the Arcata Baylands Restoration Program.

The project provides for wetlands acquisition, riparian, estuary and waterfowl habitat enhancement and supports wildlife habitat improvement while promoting significant fish and wildlife restoration. My constituency has a profound interest in restoring and preserving the Arcata Baylands for future generations to enjoy.

Thank you for considering my support for this project. If you have any questions, you may call me at (707) 476-2393.

Sincerely,

John Woolley, 3rd District Supervisor
County of Humboldt

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REDWOOD REGION AUDUBON SOCIETY
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May 17, 2005

Jim King
California Coastal Conservancy
1130 Broadway 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Subject: Arcata Baylands Restoration Program Grant Application

Dear Mr. King:

On behalf of Redwood Region Audubon, I am writing in support of application submitted by the City of Arcata, in cooperation with the Pacific Coast Waterfowl Joint Venture, to fund the Jacoby Creek/Gannon Slough Wetlands Project.

The former tidelands and the Jacoby Creek and Gannon Slough corridors are part of the larger Humboldt Bay ecosystem that accommodates fish, waterfowl, wading birds, shorebirds, passerines, raptors, and, other water associated wildlife. Tidal restoration and freshwater wetland enhancement in this area will benefit a variety of special wildlife. Public access improvements will allow birdwatchers and other nature enthusiasts entry to one of the wildlife jewels of the north bay – the riparian corridor of Jacoby Creek.

Riparian restoration along Jacoby Creek will also benefit numerous species of songbirds, including many migratory species. Public access to this riparian corridor will provide birdwatchers access to a site known for the occurrence of locally rare species.

Sincerely,

Chet Ogan

Conservation Chair

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Jacoby Creek Land Trust

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May 12, 2005

Jim King
California Coastal Conservancy
1130 Broadway 11th floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Subject: Arcata Baylands Restoration Program

Dear Jim,

The Jacoby Creek Land Trust (JCLT) enthusiastically supports The City of Arcata's application for the restoration, enhancement and acquisition projects for the Bayview Ranch and adjacent properties, including Jacoby Creek and Gannon Slough and their tributaries.

Jacoby Creek Land Trust has worked in the Northern Humboldt Bay region for over 10 years encouraging landowners to place conservation easements on their land, mostly to encourage riparian development for salmon and other wildlife habitat. This last winter we increased the riparian corridor on our property on Jacoby Creek by moving the grazing fence back from the creek 50 to 150 feet and planting over 600 trees along 1,000 feet of stream bank. This property is located just across the street from the Bayview Ranch. We are very excited that the City will work on the estuarine sections of the creeks and sloughs, while we work upstream. The connectivity of our efforts enhances the whole.

JCLT is committed to working with the City on this project in any way we can, and intends to continue developing the riparian regions in the upper watersheds. Together we will increase habitat for wildlife - from salmon to songbirds - thus increasing the richness of life for us all.

Sincerely,

Susan Ornelas
Executive Director
Jacoby Creek Land Trust

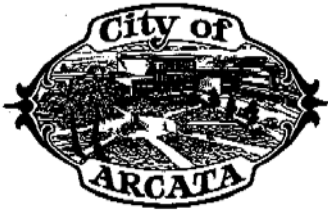
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Jim King
California Coastal Conservancy
1130 Broadway 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Subject: Arcata Baylands Restoration Program Grant Application

Dear Mr. King:

The City of Arcata Wetlands and Creeks Committee supports this grant application to restore and enhance former tidelands and freshwater wetlands along Jacoby Creek and Gannon Slough in northwestern Humboldt Bay.

The former tidelands and the Jacoby Creek and Gannon Slough corridors are part of the larger Humboldt Bay ecosystem that accommodates fish, waterfowl, wading birds, shorebirds, passerines, raptors, and, other water associated wildlife. Tidal restoration and freshwater wetland enhancement in this area will benefit a variety of special wildlife. Public access improvements will allow birdwatchers and other nature enthusiasts entry to one of the wildlife jewels of the north bay – the riparian corridor of Jacoby Creek. Estuarine restoration/enhancement will provide opportunities to reestablish habitat for plant species of concern.

Further, reestablishing tidal action on Gannon Slough and will improve sediment routing through the lower reaches of Beith, Fickle Hill and Campbell Creeks which will maintain channel capacity and alleviate chronic upstream urban flooding.

Sincerely,

Scott Bauer
Chair
Wetlands and Creeks Committee

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July 29, 2005

Moir McEnespy
Project Manager
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Floor 11
Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Re: City of Arcata Non-federal Match for the Arcata Baylands Coastal Grant

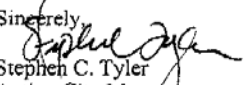
Dear Moira,

The City of Arcata has been fortunate to work with a multitude of non-Federal partners to both acquire and enhance lands for the Arcata Baylands Project. The City of Arcata is committing to provide \$1,119,400.00 of non-federal funds for match for the Coastal Wetlands grant request for the proposal entitled "Arcata Baylands Restoration/Enhancement - Humboldt Bay, California". The following is an explanation of our contribution:

- 1) \$865,000.00 is non federal funds used to purchase the 150 acre Atopak property. State funds were provided by the State Wildlife Conservation Board (\$860,000.000). Private funds came from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (\$5,000.00). This acquisition is completed.
- 2) \$224,400.00 is non-federal funds from the California Department of Fish and Game(\$224,400.00) and the City of Arcata (\$2000.00) for restoration/enhancement on Jacoby Creek (\$50,400.00), and Campbell Creek and Gannon Slough(\$174,000.00). The Fish and Game funds were awarded to the City in 2003 (Campbell Creek/Gannon Slough) and 2005 (Jacoby Creek). The Campbell Creek/Gannon Slough permits are completed and work is scheduled for September 2005. The Jacoby creek design and permitting work will also begin during the fall of 2005. Both projects will be completed by summer 2006.
- 3) \$30,000.00 is non-federal match for work along Beith Creek. The City of Arcata provided \$12,500 for acquisition of a 2.5 acre easement along Beith Creek which has been purchased. Restoration funds along Beith Creek include \$7,500.00 from the City of Arcata (stream survey and wetland delineation completed in 2004) and \$10,000 from the Pacific State Marine Fisheries Commission for riparian planting and cattle exclusion fencing along Beith Creek. The fencing and planting project will occur during November/December of 2005.

We are pleased to partner with the State Coastal Conservancy for the Arcata Baylands Project Coastal Grant. This match is put forward with our full knowledge and support to leverage other non-federal and Federal Grant dollars. We are pleased to be a part of a project that will aid in meeting the objectives of the Pacific Coast Joint Venture Plan, Humboldt Bay Management Plan, USFWS Coastal Program - Humboldt Bay North Coast Region Coastal Program, and Humboldt Bay Watershed Salmon and Steelhead Conservation Plan as well as Arcata's General Plan 2020.

Sincerely,


Stephen C. Tyler
Acting City Manager

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